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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - BURMA

¶1. LEAD STORIES: All Thursday morning papers gave top or front-page play to the confirmation on Wednesday of the first two cases of the new strain of H1N1 influenza in Tokyo and Kawasaki, Kanagawa Prefecture.

¶2. "Junta Should Immediately Stop Shameful Acts" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (5/21): "... Considering the fact that Burmese democratic leader Aung San Suu Kyi was indicted just before the term of her house arrest expires, the allegation by democratic groups and some media outlets that the military junta entrapped her is convincing... Her indictment appears to be aimed at suppressing democratic groups ahead of the general election next year... As her health condition is said to be deteriorating, the arrest is an unacceptably shameful act from a humanitarian point of view... There was a call within the Obama administration, which has embarked on a policy of seeking dialogue with Iran, to explore a softer approach to Burma. There is also a movement within the Japanese government to relax its sanctions on Burma in the view that the coming election will produce progress in democratization efforts. However, the indictment of Suu Kyi has made it difficult for the U.S. and Japan to move toward such directions."

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